

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 708

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor John Howard Dunn for his distinguished military service as a member of the United States Army.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee have, throughout the years, been called upon to take up arms against the enemies of this great nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, while the heroic deeds of Tennesseans have been extolled throughout the history of our state and nation, the distinguished military service of each and every proud Tennessean should be illuminated, shared, and properly honored; and

WHEREAS, John Howard Dunn is one such individual who ably served this country and the United States Army as a member of Company B, 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry, Training Brigade, TC during the Vietnam Conflict; and

WHEREAS, born on November 11, 1948, John Dunn is the son of the late James Jesse Dunn, a United States Army veteran who valiantly served his country during World War II, and the late Marian Hall Dunn, a loving and compassionate homemaker who wholly devoted herself to raising the couple's eleven children; and

WHEREAS, as a soldier and Armorer John Dunn upheld the finest tenets of military service while participating in some of the deadliest and fiercest combat to occur during the war, risking his life on several occasions to save the lives of his brothers-in-arms; and

WHEREAS, with unwavering dedication and fearless heroism, John Howard Dunn fought through the brutal conditions of the Tet Offensive in 1968, sustaining injuries from enemy fire in both legs; and

WHEREAS, after seven years of exemplary service and two tours of duty in Vietnam, Staff Sergeant Dunn completed his military service at Fort Benning, Georgia, and received his honorable discharge on December 9, 1974, at Fort Polk, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, for his years of devoted service to his country, Mr. Dunn has earned numerous awards and decorations, including the Vietnam Service Medal, the Bronze Star, the Vietnam Croix de Guerre with Palm, the Achievement Medal, a Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, a Marksman: M-16 recognition, the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and a Drivers Badge; and

WHEREAS, this ardent patriot's dedication to his band of brothers is equaled only by his deep devotion to his family, as he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunn has treasured many years of marital bliss with his wife, Bonnie Hollis Dunn, and is the proud father of three and doting grandfather of five; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude for his bravery in the line of fire and his dedication to preserving the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor John Dunn to the full extent of our ability, as he has made untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we honor and commend John Howard Dunn for his military service, applaud his dedication and bravery in the face of grave danger, and extend our deepest appreciation for the sacrifices he made in service to his country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.